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Even a careless reader cannot fail to notice the emphasis laid upon this exercise in the Old Testament. David's life was strongly marked with the meditation habit. Christian meditation is very closely related to prayer, and much of it is prayer. It is to the Christian life what oiling is to the machine, and what grinding tools is to the carpenter's day's work. In the Christian life there is necessarily some friction; and, unless it is properly lubricated with meditation, rapid, hap-hazard running may produce a "hot box," which will so burn it out as to render it almost useless.

The most profitable half hour that any workman can spend is the first half hour in the morning, putting his tools in the best possible order. He can accomplish much more work, and can do it with much more ease. Meditation is to the spiritual life what the whole digestive machinery is to the physical. As time is required for digestion as well as eating, so time for spiritual and mental assimilation is as necessary as time for reading.

The present age is unfriendly to solitude and meditation; and so far as it militates against these, it tends to discourage symmetry and strength of character. It is true that we are going too fast in most things for any satisfactory maturity. Stalwart Christian character must be marked with much meditation and contemplation. The great characters of the world in all ages have been thoughtful, meditative, serious.

The guest is in the land, and it is probable, that, like the Lord's poor, we shall have him with us always. At least there are no evidences of his decrease,

to say nothing about his extinction. It might be more correct to call the character under consideration *the sponge*. But, as, for the sake of politeness, we have formed the habit of calling him a guest, we hold to the above terminology. We are sure that, before one can be a guest in the true sense of the word, he must be *invited*. Other things must be present, but the invitation ranks first in order. But he comes! He comes without an invitation; he comes often unheralded; he comes when the home is already plethoric with other guests; he comes when rations are short; and, the worst feature of the whole matter is, he comes when the poor housewife is literally worn out with routine drudgery incident to caring for company. Many a good woman has been killed by guests; and the lives of many others have been soured and their nerves shattered by the

unreasonableness of self-invited guests. Yes; he comes, she comes, they come; and he stays, she stays, they stay. They come to stay two days, but before the two days are gone, they decide that everything is so pleasant they will extend the visit a week, and before the visit is over the two days have lengthened into weeks. And added to other burdens is the fact that often the purse is not commensurate with the increased expenses created by these self-invited guests. These visitors are not bad people, and would be welcome in the home if they would wait till they are made guests.

In these days when nearly all ladies have to do their housework, or a large portion of it, visits should be short. Usually one to two or three days should suffice. Learn the exquisite art of declining an invitation to remain longer. You are not expected to do everything you are asked to do.

Many times friends are invited to come and spend a certain time which would be delightful to both guests and hosts, but the guests decide to extend the visit. This throws all the household arrangements out of gear. Preparations have been made for the time first named, but a prolongation of the stay throws things into confusion and works a downright hardship on the hostess.

The instances are very rare in which a guest is justifiable in prolonging a visit beyond the time expected by the hostess.

The pleasure arising from having friends in one's home is indispensable to the greatest happiness and usefulness; but to have friends in one's home under circumstances which destroy or mar this pleasure should be avoided. Better defer the visit till the way opens.

It will not be long now before the main and central building will be ready for use—and what a splendid, roomy, airy, convenient building it is. Every Baptist in the State ought to see it. And the beautiful thing about it all is that it has been built and all the time the contributions to feed, clothe and educate the children have continued to come.

Now that the house is about completed, it is important that it be well furnished—good, strong, substantial furniture that will withstand the wear and tear of children. The furniture needs to be uniform throughout, so all the children may fare alike.

There are a great many people in the State who have no children of their own to fix up for, and then there are a great

many more who have children and are willing to help fix up for the orphan children. There are about thirty rooms to be furnished in the new building and it will take about an average of \$50 for a small room and \$100 for the larger ones.

Dr. and Mrs. Dampeer, of Crystal Springs, have sent \$100, and so has Bro. E. H. Borrette, of Edwards. So here are two rooms provided for. How many others are there of us who will furnish a room? Are there not twenty-eight others? Dr. Foster wants to get the picture of all those who furnish rooms and will hang them up in the several rooms furnished.

We are much gratified to note the fine success Dr. Lowrey is having in his work on the endowment. Our churches are responding nobly. We expected this. The Baptists of Mississippi are a noble

people; the cause of increasing the endowment of our college is a worthy one, so there is nothing left but for our people to do their plain duty. The college is really going forward every year. It is true there are not quite so many students as last year; but the attendance is very satisfactory, and the character of students is above the average. Very hard work and splendid progress are noted by those in position to know. In the absence of Dr. Lowrey, who is devoting most of his time traveling in the interests of the endowment, Prof. P. H. Eager is administering the affairs in college government, to the satisfaction of all concerned. The president's home, just completed a few months ago, is quite an addition to the buildings on the campus. There are several marks of progress to be seen in connection with the college and college work.

The Christian Joy. Happiness may and does depend upon circumstances; but joy depends upon character. The one is like a cistern that holds what is put into it; the other is like a spring that sends forth its crystal

stream from within. For this reason the Christian may do as he is bidden do. "Rejoice evermore," since the fountain of joy is within him. There is no affliction of earth that can disturb the depths of Christian's joy; for, he knows that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them that are called according to his purpose." He can rejoice in sickness or in health, in poverty or in wealth, in bonds or in freedom, since they are all God's choice for his servants that serve him faithfully. To know that Christ is reigning within, is the secret of this ever present joy.

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Foreign Missions.

The work of the foreign missionary is so foreign to many of us as never to engage our thought, our prayers, or receive more than a mere pittance in the way of contributions.

Abraham is said, by some, to have been the first foreign missionary. Whether his work was, strictly, missionary, or not, is not our purpose here to say; however, the Bible is a missionary book, through and through, and the best that will ever be written. Our divine Lord was missionary, in all his teachings, and so were all the holy men of old who spake as they were moved by the Spirit of God; and so are we today, and so must all those be who shall come after us, until Christ shall come again, in glory and in power.

We Southern Baptists do our foreign missionary work through the Foreign Missionary Board, located at Richmond, Virginia, which has for its Corresponding Secretary, Rev. R. J. Willingham, ably assisted by Rev. E. E. Bomar, on whom we have placed the duty of looking after the fields and the laborers for the fields.

We have a few missionaries in China, Japan, Africa, Italy, Brazil and Mexico, all of whom are now doing well in the work, the Lord honoring their labors, last year, with more than one thousand baptisms—and a hard year it was, too, when we recall the troubles in China.

To this work, we gave about \$150,000.00, which, while it is fairly good, considering the number of the givers, could easily have been increased to \$1,000,000.00, had all of us given, according to our ability, as the Scriptures require.

What we need above all things, in our missionary work right now, is to make a careful study of the whole mission question, beginning at the beginning, in the New Testament, and coming uninterruptedly on down to the present day effort. If our people knew that God wanted this work done and wanted us to do it, it would be done and done quickly. It is ab-

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that ought to be launched next—and launched now!

The Gambling Habit.

Gambling seems to be natural. It crops out in children at a very early age, and develops in many of them faster than the body or the mind. It is a great mistake to suppose that this habit is confined to the uneducated, uncouth, boorish element of our citizenship. Some of the highly educated, most polished and affable persons are its slaves. It is not even confined to men, but is participated in to an alarming extent by women of rare culture and fine polish.

If we had the ears of all our mission boards, for just one minute, we would say to them: Brethren, present methods are good as far as they go; but, they do not go far enough to do the Lord's work.

Therefore, in addition to all the good work now being done to enlist the efforts of our great people in the holy cause of missions, we suggest that you prepare a systematic course of mission studies. And, in the absence of anything better at hand to start with, take up the "Conquest Missionary Course" of studies now running in our B. Y. P. U. literature. If necessary, in order to have the time arrange to let our Sunday Schools take up the work, displacing the present excellent series of lessons for a time, if need be, by the use of these studies in missions. It may not be necessary to disjoint our Sunday School work, in order to do this other work, just now needing so much to be done—some other and better way might be suggested. But it is absolutely certain, so certain that it does not take a Solomon to see it, that the occasional sermon from the pastor, and the annual visit from some mission secretary, and the impassioned associational appeal need to be backed up and supplemented by some good, solid instruction in missions, other than all that can be done in sermons, addresses, journals and tracts.

Business gambling in the South centers in the cotton market. Hundreds of business enterprises go all to pieces in speculating in cotton futures. The result of our observation is that a large percentage of bank failures are the direct result of gambling in some form or other. The impulse and desire to get something for nothing is so manifestly wrong that the most stupid see it. This is the main-spring of all forms of gambling. Eliminate this element, and there is no more gambling. From the boy who plays "keeps" to the man who stakes his thousands on a race or an election the chance element is the major factor. A man in comfortable circumstances today may by the freak of chance be in penury tomorrow. No man's financial condition can be made better by gambling without another's being injured. Whatever gambling adds to the fortune of one it subtracts from the fortune of another. There is no general impersonal fund from which the lucky one draws.

It is a shame upon Christian men that they will stake their money on the cotton market, a horse or boat race, an election, or a wheel of fortune, found in the stores of so many professedly Christian men. By such examples many a youth is diverted from the path of honest toil and respectability into that of debauchery, shame and poverty. "If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness." Matt. VI:23.

If madam Rumor speaks truth at all, there must be some men occupying prominent, sometimes official, positions in our churches who deal in cotton, corn or meat futures. It would seem that no man's self-respect would allow him, while engaged in any species of gambling, to hold any official or prominent place in church; but if his self-respect would not keep him out of such places, the self-respect of the church should force it to keep him out.

This is the kind of a missionary campaign

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for the successful one is as essentially a gambling affair as the polka table. The euchre party will put into a common fund one dollar, more or less, per member, and with this fund some nice article, or articles, will be purchased for the winner at the table. The polka party put up their dollar each, and instead of converting the fund into some nice article, they let it remain in money for the successful one. In each case all contribute something, and in each case all but one loses all the money invested. If one is gambling, the other is equally so; and the fact that one is operated by shapely, feminine hands bedecked with gaudy jewels, and stimulated by light fancy wines, does not make it any the less gambling. The courts in several States have ruled that women who engage in prize euchre parties are liable to indictment before the grand jury.

All Christian men and women should keep on the safe side—the Lord's side—and steer clear of participation in all forms of gambling. We owe it to our friends, ourselves and the Lord, to avoid every form of evil.

What Every Christian Should Learn.

To obey Christ in all things whatsoever.

To attend every service of his church, not missing either the Sunday School or the prayer meeting.

To give at least one-tenth of all he possesses from year to year to the Lord's cause.

To take, read and pay for his own denominational State paper.

Pray more and grumble less.

To be temperate in his eating, drinking, smoking, chewing and talking—in all things.

Be helpful to the poor and needy.

Read the Bible much—daily if possible.

Seek earnestly the salvation of the lost.

To have faith in God.

Look on the bright side of things.

Resist the devil.

Work six days in every week, and rest and worship one day.

Be careful not to offend one of God's little ones.

Never give up in despair, for anything.

Pray for him who is an enemy.

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Never speak unadvisedly with the lips about anybody.

Be slow to get angry and quick to forgive.

Keep the evidence of your conversion close at hand, lest you fall into doubt and sin.

Watch and pray and be up and doing for the Lord's coming draws nigh, and he may call for us at any time; then happy will we be if found ready and waiting.

Notes and Comments.

The man who has never learned to read is to be pitied; but the man who has never learned to read that which is good is to be pitied more.

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The sin does not lie in the temptation, but in the yielding to it. Our Lord was tempted on all points as we are, and yet he never sinned, because he did not yield.

We have quite a lot of good matter on hand which will appear at an early day. The report of the B. Y. P. U. Convention had the right of way, as we saw it.

While faithfulness usually brings success, it is some comfort to know that we are not required to be successful—"be thou faithful until death and I will give thee a crown of life."

What Saith the Scripture Concerning the Christian's Relation to Law, is the title of a 40 page pamphlet, by S. Foster Grady, Trenton, N. J. It is a strong plea for searching the Scriptures that we may know from a Scripture standpoint the relations between law and the Gospel.

A woman, Miss Annie Elson Tyler, went over Niagara Falls in a barrel and was picked up in good shape below. The barrel was made for the purpose, and had a 170-pounds anvil fastened to the bottom so as to keep it right side up. She has been the only person who has been fool enough so far to attempt such a thing.

The Western Recorder takes the hide off of the "reformers" (?) in New York for allying themselves with the saloons—Sunday saloons, at that—in order to down Tammany. It says Tammany ought to have been downed; but "better a thousand years of Tammany than that the Christian people should ally themselves with the saloon." Selah!

All, or just about all, of our churches are now supplied with preachers. In the change some of them have lost much time; so let's all get right down to the Lord's business now, and stay at it. If the new or present pastor doesn't suit, make the most of it, for four or five years, anyhow. We ought to seek for permanency in the pastoral relation.

It seems that President Roosevelt has made more than one mistake. When he became president he gave it out that he would appoint every man whom President McKinley had promised to appoint; whereupon applicants by the dozen are falling over each other to see him first, many of them claiming a promise for the same office. He'll know better next time.

Our Texas brethren are still turning the world up-side-down—the wrong side is up by nature—and the whole world rejoices in their success. In a few more years, if they keep on, as they are, they will be doing more for the advancement of the kingdom of our Lord than all Southern Baptists are now doing. In the meantime, old Mississippi is coming to the front, too. All our good men and women are not dead by any means—neither have they all gone to Texas.

A church debt, as burdensome as it sometimes proves, is about the greatest blessing that can come to a church—not so long as it is on the house; but so soon as it gets on the hearts of the members. We would have had but very few decent church houses in Mississippi, had it not been for the privilege of going in debt. God be praised for the average church debt—when it is on the hearts of the people.

The new \$125,000 house of the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., is to have a chime of ten bells that is to be played thirty minutes before each service, and at midnight on the 31st day of December, Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving and Fourth of July—these are the terms on which it is given. Now we had just about as soon hear an Easter sermon as an Easter bell, or chime of ten bells—"and thus we go towards Rome," in the oft-repeated words of the Western Recorder.

Spelman Seminary is a female school seeking to do for Negro women what Vassar, Smith and Wellesley and others are doing for white women. The school is located in the prettiest suburb of Atlanta, the buildings occupying twenty acres of ground, at a cost of \$450,000. The school was built by Mr. Rockefeller as a memorial to his wife's father and mother. At the dedication of four new buildings last week, that cost \$200,000, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., sent as his special gift, silver spoons, knives and forks, sufficient to accommodate 300 or more students eating at the same time."

The Christian Observer thinks that the new version of the Bible, by the American Revision Committee, is too much of a Baptist document. It says baptize in water instead of with water.

These gentlemen were all scholars, and most of them were not Baptists; but when they came to it, they had to say it just as it is—and why not? If there is a place where we ought to let God speak, it is in the Bible. Immersion is so plainly taught in the Bible that it does look as though God wanted to make it impossible for his children to conceive of anything else.

It has been discovered, "according to an old church book," that a Baptist society existed at Cowie, England, as far back as 1599. "That is nothing."—Christian Advocate.

What did you repeat it for, then? Are you in the habit of printing *nothing*?

By the way, Dr. Boswell has not yet answered the question we put to him in all good conscience some weeks ago, and says that "no amount of prodding" will induce him to do so. He still allows "Circuit Rider" to tell his readers what a wicked set Baptists are for still believing what the Bible says, on the subject of baptism, in the face of the quotation from Ditzler, that the Jordan River is too swift to allow persons to be baptized in it, which is about the *swiftest* statement we have come upon lately. The poor man is to be pitied.

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Last Lord's day was endowent day with Jackson Baptists. It was a bright, bracing day; in fact, all that could be desired in the matter of weather. The congregation was large and the attention almost perfect. Dr. Lowrey was present and spoke in the interest of the endowment. The result showed Jackson to be in the lead, so far, of all the churches in the State. Four men gave \$500.00 apiece, and the balance ran the amount up to \$4,000.00. This amount will probably be increased to \$5,000.00, as some of our well-to-do members are not represented in the \$4,000.00.

Dr. Lowrey is the man for this work. He will raise the stipulated amount; but let's help to render his work as easy as possible. The \$45,000.00 must be raised—it will be.

The advocates of the "dead line at fifty"

theory have all been rendered "hors de combat" by the action of a number of the great churches in New York, calling pastors from the ranks of the grey heads. The fact is, the churches want men, whether they are old or young; and, the older the better, so long as they are vigorous in their thinking, forceful in preaching, and sweet-spirited in their natures. A soif, snappish, disgruntled, fault-finding preacher, whether he be young or old, no church wants as pastor.

The Unfolding of Baptist Doctrine.—By Norman Fox, D. D. 12mo. 39 pages. Price, 10 cents. American Baptist Publication Society, 1420 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

This is an address to the students of the Drew (M. E.) Theological Seminary, Madison, N. J. It is, under the circumstances, a bold, strong and conservative paper. He says: "The special contention of the Baptists is not so much that immersion should be practiced as that pouring and sprinkling should be discarded." A strong statement!

A riot broke out in the ancient city of Athens last week, in which seven people were killed and thirty wounded. The trouble came about through an effort to publish the New Testament in modern Greek, which was opposed by the conservatives of the city. It is said that 20,000 people gathered around the Temple of Jupiter Olympias and passed resolutions to excommunicate any one who translated the Gospel into Greek as now spoken. Didn't Paul, from Mars Hill, say something to the Athenians about their superstition? His words are still appropriate to the occasion.

Honorable Porter King.

Ever since the establishment of the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, for now nearly two full decades, the Lord seems to have had the lives of its membership in His gracious keeping. Until the present year, only one of our members had been translated from his earthly tabernacle to his enduring mansion.

Recently the reaper has been gathering

some of our brightest and best for the garners on high. Leaving half finished his work in New Orleans, our beloved Corresponding Secretary left the Convention and came home to be divested of the trammels that bound him to this lower sphere, and at the Master's call enter the portals of that city which flesh and blood cannot inherit.

Since our last regular meeting, another has answered the Master's summons to come up higher. Our brother, Porter King, is not with us today, and will no more share in our counsels. His separation from us leaves a wide opening in our ranks, for he filled a large place in our work, and lays a great sorrow upon our hearts; for we valued him for his faithful services, and loved him for the manifold graces of God shown in his life.

As a member of the Board, he was wise in counsel, conservative in action, prompt in meeting the calls of duty, self-sacrificing in laboring for its interests, and sharing generously with it his means, his time, his sympathies, and his prayers.

As chairman for our committee, and attorney for the Board, on the work in Cuba, he performed the difficult and delicate tasks confided to him to our full and entire satisfaction. Beyond this sphere of duty, in his home, in his church, in his city, in his State and in his country, in charitable organizations among his fellow-men, there were no interests of humanity that did not find a warm place in his heart, and a willing response from his open hand.

Earth has too few such men for us not to be saddened by his removal, and for us not to mourn his death as a personal loss never to be repaired. But while we indulged our grief, faith opens to us another view of this sad Providence.

The meteor that flames across the midnight sky and vanishes beyond our ken, is no more sudden in its flight than was that of the soul of our beloved brother when, at the Master's call, it broke its bonds of clay, and went up to the brightness of unending day. There, not unclothed, but clothed upon with immortality, with no trammels of earth upon his redeemed soul, with the scales that here bedim our vision fallen forever, who can tell what he saw, what he understood, what he felt? How illimitable the universe about him, and its furthest verge glowing with the wisdom and the glory that encircles it all! How fathomless the riches of His grace that sanctifies and saves the sinful and the lost! How warm, and tender, and enduring the love of Christ, which began before the world's foundations were laid, and which stretches into the unfathomed depths of the eternity to come! No doubt such views broke upon him as they did upon Paul in thoughts too wonderful for investiture in human speech, and overwhelmed his soul with raptures that will endure forever.

But, brethren, we know that just as the potente upon whose brow the hand of Empire has placed the coronet of Kings cannot forget the olive plants about his table, so our brother cannot forget our efforts, our meetings, our strivings for the

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coming of the kingdom of our God; and his sympathy, and his love for us and for our work abides with us still.

If it consists with the conditions of that better land, and be permitted by the demands of duty, who doubts but that he is here with us today? Who believes that in Heaven he can forget Cuba and its needs or those who dwell among our mountains, or on our far frontier, or in our cities, or anywhere in our wide land, or in the wider world in which we live, that need the knowledge of Christ which saves? To us his useful life seemed to be expanding into its noblest powers for good. But the Master had need of him in another sphere, and with sad but trusting hearts we resign him to that Heavenly call, and to that higher work upon which he has entered.

"Servant of God, well done;
Rest from thy toiled employ.
The battle's fought, the victory's won,
Enter thy Master's joy."

Co-Operation.

Much has been said about co-operation, much more needs to be said. I desire to make a report of results that have followed a few feeble efforts at co-operation among my churches. During the associational year just closed, Bethany gave to missions \$210, which is an average of about \$1.00 per member. It was given by near 75 per cent of the members, and is an advance of 50 per cent over last year's contribution. Calvary gave \$154, an average of \$.40 per member, more than 90 per cent of the members contributing, and that is an advance of 54 per cent over last year's contribution. Crooked Creek gave \$86, 50 cents per member, perhaps 75 per cent of the members contributed. This was an advance of 108% over last year's contribution. Monticello gave \$102, or \$1 per member, from 90 per cent of the members, an advance of 100 per cent over last year. These four churches gave \$552 to missions, as against \$310 last year, an advance of 78 per cent over the previous year. So you see we have made some progress. The number of contributions increased over 100 per cent. It may not be amiss to say something of how this was done. For one thing, the pastor got it into his heart that it depended more on him than any one else. You just can't develop a church ahead of her pastor; those who would go forward are tied hard and fast by the pastor's position, but very few care to go faster than the "leader" leads, be that ever so slow. Then information must be given, yes, of the most elementary kind; so a leaflet was prepared and distributed free. Then there was much praying over this matter by the pastor and those in sympathy with the effort. Then a special sermon followed by a call for volunteer pledges, public pledges, then the names of those pledging with a complete list of the membership was put into the hands of a committee, with a request to see every member and collect from all, if possible. Much depends on the committee, they must love the Lord and not mind a little rebuff nor cold-blooded indifference. Let

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the preacher do no scolding, but appeal to the love of God's people, with information about the work. Our missionary days have been the happiest of the year.

Another thing should be said; the pastor talked "in season and out of season," of wanting a contribution from every member. Now, brethren, this is not written for display. We have done well only by comparison. God grant us to do better. But it is believed that the above method applied in any country church will result in a large increase of contributors and contributions. It is a source of pleasure and encouragement to the above-named churches to know that while they support a pastor at home, they also paid the salary of a missionary. Ought not every field do as much? What possibilities are latent in our churches.

Yours in Christ,
J. P. WILLIAMS.

Silver Creek, Miss., Nov. 8th, 1901.

Some Stray Suggestions.

1. It would be a good idea for writers of

news from the churches, marriage notices and obituaries, to give the names of the counties in which the ceremonies take place.

2. The word Baptist is never plural without an 's' at the end, and printers ought not be allowed to leave it off except when referring to the church or denomination mentioned.

3. Of course "Gospel missions" are Scriptural; but it is a grave error to insist that they should be restricted to a single plan; for no ism rule is laid down therefor in God's Word.

4. Consecration is a good thing; so is Sanctification and Holiness; but the first does not mean "infant baptism," nor the second "sinlessness," and the third much less "perfection" in this life.

5. Hurry, haste and dispatch, are by no means synonymous—the first is confusing, the second is systematic, the third methodical—the last, of course, the best.

6. Little things are only such by comparison; they are most important in the affairs of life, and tell in all efforts to do good—little deeds of kindness and little words of cheer give wonderful encouragement.

7. Vacations are largely a modern invention—the outgrowth, it would seem, of overwork; if so, is not the overwork wrong, and is it not more lost than gained by the innovation and change?

These thoughts are dotted down in a scattered sort of way, hoping that some of them will reach somebody and set them to thinking, if not, correcting some minor errors.

L. E. X.

Wesson.

This note will inform you as to how things are going on at Wesson. The first Lord's day in November, the Wesson Church made her call for another year and there was but one name considered and the call was unanimous, and I accepted the call and have entered upon

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my second year's work with this church, which I hope will be more prosperous than the last. So far as I know, the church is of one mind, and is meeting its financial obligations to the pastor and its other work. The past year I have preached about 150 sermons, conducted two prayer meetings each week, conducted thirty funerals, married eighteen couples, baptized at least seventy-five people, and in all have received one hundred into the church. In addition to all this I have visited the sick, visited my members from two to three times, conducted four protracted meetings, attended the S. B. C. and State Convention, and last, but not least, entertained the State B. Y. P. U., and am real sorry you could not be with us, for we surely had a good time. Well, I must close by asking you to pray for us and come to see us.

Yours truly,

J. A. LEE.

Moss Point.

I want to say a word for our field—not that we have anything so important, but we just want to be heard by saying our little speech.

Firstly, we are thankful and truly happy to have Dr. L. E. Hall locate at Scranton. The right man in the right place. He takes hold of the work the 1st of December, to give two Sundays. Living on the field and having his eye on the work, we may expect progress. Some of God's dearest people live there, and some of the purest rank the best belong to the Baptist Church.

The field is not an Eden where you can pluck the fruit and flowers at ease, but we shall expect good results. Dr. Hall is a Gospel preacher of the highest type. For eight days he held our people at Moss Point with profound interest and left us stronger in the work and with prospects of much good for the future. I am just entering upon the third year with these good people and expect to make it the best year of my life. Unitedly we stand, and God with us we must go forward. We like you, Dr. Bailey, and your good paper, and I shall canvass for new subscribers.

B. L. MITCHELL.

Berwick.

During October the writer conducted a meeting for Rev. J. J. Walker, at Berwick, Miss. The meeting was held in a school house, and resulted in more than thirty names to go into an organization there.

Bro. Walker and the writer organized a church there last 3rd Sunday with 27 members. A number of others were there anxious to go into the organization, but had failed to get their letters in time. The writer acted as moderator, and when the organization was complete, he asked the brethren if they were ready to call a pastor. They responded by calling Bro. Walker for one Sunday. Bro. Walker then stepped forward and asked them to prove they were going to do something by pledging \$50 for missions. The amount was pledged before the names could be written down. A strong church, highly developed to begin with, and led by one of the best pastors of South Mississippi. Watch it.

B. B. HALL.

Winona.

At the recent meeting of the Convention Board, attention was called to the many marks of divine favor that had rested on us as a people this year, and it was deemed a fitting thing, in the month of December, to recall these mercies in a day of special services at all our churches. The last Sunday in that month was named as the day suited for this, but where it suits a church to meet at other time, it is hoped that such time will be given the services as to meet this recommendation. In order to help our people to an intelligent observance of this day of thanksgiving, such information will be furnished in THE BAPTIST, as will be needed. Now, I ask pastors and brethren generally to send me on a postal card, at your earliest convenience, such facts as to revivals, baptisms, expended on church building, repairs, &c., development along lines of Christian giving, that these all may be aggregated and put into shape for use. Remember the time is short, so as soon as you read this, get a postal card and let me hear from you. In behalf of the Convention Board,

A. V. ROWE, Cor. Sec.

Winona, Miss.

A Letter from Alabama.

I have just moved to Tuscaloosa, where I will do evangelistic work. This is one of the best cities in the State, and has one of the best churches. Dr. Dawson is doing a fine work here and the schools, the State University, and the Central Female College, give him an opportunity to reach the choice young men and women in the State that no other pastor has except, perhaps, the pastor at Marion—by the way our schools are all full to the brim and the outlook is unusually bright for the future.

We all rejoice in the prosperity of your own great school and the prospects of a speedy endowment.

Our Convention has just closed a fine year's work and wise plans are laid for greater work in the future. We were never more enthusiastic and never better organized. Secretary Crumpton has been much hindered by sickness in his family, but the brethren nobly supplied his place by taking the field for him when possible.

The Lord prosper you in your work in furnishing us one of our very best papers.

S. O. Y. RAY.

Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Endowment Echoes.

Tupelo joins the ranks. I spent yesterday there. \$875.55 was her showing. Considering the strength and condition of the church, that was one of the very best collections yet taken. The ten years of solid work done by that solid man and preacher, S. G. Cooper, is bearing splendid fruitage under the brilliant and energetic leadership of Pastor S. A. Wilkinson. Watch Tupelo, she is coming to the front. Yours for progress,

W. T. LOWREY.

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Our Foreign Mission Work.
BY R. J. WILLINGHAM, COR. SEC'Y.

We have cause for profound gratitude to God for his blessings on the work we are doing in foreign lands. Our missionaries are almost all at their posts and report good progress.

In China the cause is moving forward well. Baptisms are being reported in the Northern, Central and Southern Stations, and the brethren are begging for reinforcements. Earnest appeals come from Brazil for laborers to enter and reap the fields white unto the harvest. From Japan, Italy, Africa and Mexico come good tidings. But in the midst of all this, there is appeal after appeal for more preachers. Several of our noble workers are about to break down. Who will go and take up their work? We should not simply look to our young men in college and seminary. These places at the front need men of experience. Will not some of our successful pastors lay themselves on the altar for this most important work?

One of our States has three preachers on the foreign field to sixty-four at home. Another has one on the foreign field to one thousand at home. One has none on the front and three hundred at home. Are we called on to give the gospel to those in our land, and neglect those who dwell in darkness and sin? A great change is needed in our denominational and Christian economy, if we ever take the world for Christ.

RECEIPTS.

We give below a table which we wish every Baptist in our Convention could see:

RECEIPTS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS FROM MAY 1ST, 1901, TO NOV. 5TH, 1901, COMPARED WITH THOSE FOR SAME TIME IN 1901.

	1900.	1901.
Kentucky	\$ 4,206.48	\$ 9,090.63*
Virginia	13,219.84*	\$ 8,688.23
Georgia	5,610.25	6,853.50
South Carolina	4,244.09	4,357.50
Missouri	3,137.26	3,874.11
Alabama	1,993.77	3,652.42
Texas	2,793.25	3,344.52
Tennessee	2,642.26	3,184.29
Maryland	1,467.72	2,026.01
North Carolina	2,303.27	1,741.81
Mississippi	1,578.54	1,538.94
Louisiana	463.08	666.23
Arkansas	633.55	476.13
Florida	121.98	230.15
D. C.	198.93	178.43
I. T.	70.15	71.40
Oklahoma	57.38	35.28
Other Sources	14.00	2.50
	\$44,755.80	\$50,192.08

*Includes Legacy. \$5,000
*Annuity Gift. \$3,000

From this it will be seen that many States have improved on last year. Our total is larger. Yet the Board has obeyed the instructions of the brethren, given in the Convention, and we have enlarged the work at great expense, and now have a debt of over \$20,000, which we are carry-

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lutionize the work abroad, as well as bring untold blessings to our churches at home. May God's spirit awaken many.

NEW MISSIONARIES.

Not only have the old Missionaries returned to their posts, the following new Missionaries have gone out: Dr. P. S. Evans and wife and Miss Julia E. Trainham to China; L. M. Duval to Africa; Rev. A. L. Dunstan and wife to Brazil. Miss Carrie Bostick and Rev. J. R. Saunders and wife left for China from San Francisco, Nov. 23rd. Others will leave in December.

LARGER VIEWS AND STRONGER PURPOSES.

Many of our churches are commencing to hear the call of God in Isaiah 60. Quite a number are looking out as never before over a lost world, and with enlarged hearts are reaching out in Christ's name. Oh that many might get a vision of Christ on Calvary and the lost world for which He died. One church in South Carolina with 230 members, gave this year for all purposes, \$3,115. Of this 170 was for State Missions \$187 (and a box valued at \$75), for Home Missions, and \$1,072, for Foreign Missions. In the sight of Him who loved the world this, we believe, is more orthodox than the way many of our churches give. One third sent, where millions know not of God. This is the true Christianity. One sister in Georgia, whose heart the Lord opened, decided to give \$500 a year, the salary of a Missionary, and then went to work at her church, located in a small town, and now the church has decided to give \$500 more. Thus \$1,000 will be given by this town church. What we need is larger visions, more intense purposes. In one of our city churches a layman gives \$600 a year and tries to influence others to larger giving. It is hardly necessary to say this church gives large amounts for foreign Missions. In another church a layman became deeply stirred, and has made it his business to work for Foreign Missions, trying to get one hundred members to give \$1 each every month. His church has gone up to great and noble offerings. How can we get one or more laymen with the pastor, in each church, to plan great things for God's work in giving the gospel to the world? That is the question before us. Let us give information, talk, write, pray, until our leaders and others, shall be leaders indeed for God's great work in bringing in the Kingdom of the Lord. Where a church cannot give thousands, she can give hundreds, or tens. I seriously doubt if there is one of the 1,690 churches in the Southern Baptist convention which ought to give less than ten dollars a year to send the gospel to dying men. Ten of the smallest, weakest churches could give together \$100, and so support a native preacher in China for all his time. A thousand of our churches could give each a hundred dollars, and a hundred could give each a thousand dollars—"Who shall order the battle?" "Thou." Dear reader, we need leaders at home, will you be one?—Men and women with great visions, great hearts, great purposes in our home land can revo-

The College Question.

Every pastor especially, and every layman particularly, owes me his attention for a few minutes.

First: What is endowment? It is money to be loaned out, or safely invested otherwise, and only the interest used. When we have a hundred thousand dollars, it will be safely loaned and the college will use the income in paying expenses, but will not be allowed to use any part of the principal.

Second: Who invests the money? A committee from the Board of Trustees, all excellent Christian men, and three of them among the wisest business men and most successful bankers in Mississippi. They take great pains to make none but absolutely safe investments.

Third: Does the college need endowment? Well, we have about as many students as we can do justice by and yet the income will not pay the incidental expenses, keep the buildings insured and repaired and pay the faculty. You can run a female seminary without endowment, for in them there are extra charges for music and other specialties. You can run a high school without endowment, because (1) teachers are many and cheap who can teach the branches of the high school, but in colleges you must have costly specialists as professors, and (2) classes can be made large in high schools and a few teachers can teach many students, but in colleges where the higher branches are taught it takes a number of costly teachers to teach a few students. We Baptists could run a high school without endowment, but not a college with such advantages as will be offered at Millsaps and our State institutions.

Now, we must do one of three things: (1) cut down our advantages, (2) charge higher tuition, or (3) increase the endowment. 1. If we cut down our advantages we can expect nothing else than that our boys will leave us and go to the State University or the A. & M., or to Millsaps College. 2. If we charge higher tuition, we will be at a great disadvantage, for we already charge the same that our Methodist college charges, while there is no tuition at the University and the A. & M. 3. It ought to be a joyful sacrifice to the denomination to increase the endowment.

Fourth: But could you not reduce expenses? Well, the president of Mississippi College receives for his services less than the president of Millsaps College, and far less than the Chancellor of the State University and the president of the A. & M. His services may be worth less, but if that is true, Mississippi College ought by all means to have a new president. The professors in Mississippi College receive the same salary as those at Millsaps, except that the Millsaps men always get theirs, while sometimes ours fall short. The University and the A. & M. pay their professors far more than we pay ours.

No, we are not extravagant. We could

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not run more cheaply without cutting down advantages. The advances of the age have caused us to increase our advantages until our income does not pay expenses. If we increase our endowment to a hundred thousand dollars the income will then be just about enough to keep our present buildings in repair and pay the expenses of the college as we are now organized. We need to increase our advantages. Hence, we must increase our endowment to \$100,000 now, and in a few years we must take another step forward and increase it still more. The Baptists of some other Southern States, have run their college endowment to two and three hundred thousand. The Methodists of Mississippi, largely through the gifts of one man, have run theirs already to more than \$100,000. What will Mississippi Baptists do?

The American Baptist Education Society will give us \$15,000 if we will raise \$45,000 by July 1st. At least \$9,000 of ours must be in cash, the remainder in legal notes payable in not more than four annual installments.

Four men have agreed to give the first \$5,000.00. I have visited seven churches thus far. Columbus went down for \$1,282.00 Blue Mountain for \$1,505.00, Winona for \$1,530.00, Starkville for \$1,515.00, Hattiesburg for \$1,610.00, Meridian for \$1,901.00, Jackson for \$4,047.00. The time is short. I shall not be able to visit many churches.

What will your church do? Some Baptist preachers and some other Christian men and women are agreeing to give one-tenth of a whole year's gross income. What will you do?

Yours for duty,
W. T. LOWREY.

Mississippi College, Nov. 20th, 1901.

The Value of The Baptist in the Pastor's Work.

The Lord has given to the pastor a great work to do, and upon his faithfulness to his work will depend, in large measure, the growth of the individual Christian, and the efficiency of the church as a body, in doing the will of God. The pastor's thoughts and energies are to be focused on two main objects—to make "disciples," and to train for service those who are so made. To do so great a work every available help should be seized upon and put to use by every man who would make the best of his office. Our brother Paul wrote to Roman Christians, "Inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry; if by any means I may provoke to rouse my flesh and save some of them." "Any means" were used in carrying forward the great work which the Lord has committed to his trust.

I wish to speak of THE BAPTIST as one of the most efficient agencies we have for putting forward the work our Lord has committed to us as a denomination.

The denominational newspaper cannot well be spared from the combination of factors that go to make up a well informed, active and aggressive church membership.

For Mississippi Baptists THE BAPTIST is

the one organ that has been created and projected as the medium of general intelligence concerning the affairs of Christ's cause within our State, and the condition and well-being of His cause in other parts of the world.

What Baptist's heart was not thrilled and filled with thanksgiving to God, when he read in one issue of our paper last summer that eight hundred and eighty-three persons were added to the Baptist churches in our State in one week? Who of us do not take pride in knowing what work of beneficence is being done through Brother and Sister Foster for homeless orphans of our State? Whose heart is not stirred in grateful recognition of our Father's loving kindness when he reads of the progress of Christ's cause on the Gulf Coast and in the Delta, which is being conducted by our Convention Board? And who does not

the second Sunday in December, or the nearest convenient Sunday thereto, be observed in all our churches as 'BAPTIST Day.' THE BAPTIST is the pastor's friend and helper and the pastors of the Convention would help themselves by placing THE BAPTIST in every home in their churches."

Brethren pastors, let us earnestly try what is recommended and prove what a real business-like effort will do.

R. A. COHORN.

Cleveland, Miss., Nov. 20, 1901.

From Texas.

THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

This body closed its recent session Monday, the 11th inst., in the city of Ft. Worth. There was over seventeen hundred delegates present, besides the visitors, who, no doubt swelled the attendance to more than two thousand. The great City Hall of Ft. Worth, with its marvelous seating capacity, was taxed to the utmost.

The meeting was the most harmonious in the history of the body. Not one vote was cast on the negative side of any question. This was unprecedented unanimity. A high degree of spiritual enthusiasm prevailed from the first till the close of the session. On Thursday evening, at the close of the pastor's conference, a collection was taken for Buckner's Orphans' Home, amounting to more than eleven thousand dollars. On Friday evening, of the convention, a collection was taken by the educational commission of twenty-five thousand dollars. The collections taken for all purposes during the convention, amounted to almost, if not fully, fifty thousand dollars. When we add to this the large amounts paid in to the treasury of the Board of State Missions, and to the treasury of the Educational Commission, it indicates this to have been far the most successful year in the history of Texas Baptists.

We are planning for greater things in the future, and by the grace of Him whose glory we seek, we are looking forward to the attainment of greater things still in the Master's work.

I am very much delighted to say that many of the preachers, who were largely instrumental in working out the results, which have come to us, are an ex-Mississippian. When your people are transplanted from "the sand hills" into "the blacklands of Texas," they usually thrive and spread themselves like a green Bay tree. They not only keep up with the swing of the procession but they frequently lead the Van. We are much indebted to Mississippi for her generous contributions to our ministry. I am pleased to say, there is room for more, and I think they are coming.

A. J. PAWCETT.

Farmersville, Tex., Nov. 13, 1901.

A Unique Story.

"The Mystery of the Expert," by Robert Barr, which leads the October number of 10 Story Book, is one of the cleverest stories to which that talented author has put his name and is unique in theme as well as clever in execution.

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Way Notes.

Since my last I've been "still going," &c., by the grace that was ministered unto me, I've been able to conquer the following places and the adjacent country, for the betterment of the people and the glory of God:

Orvishburg, Hillsdale—i. e. many hills and one hollow; Lumberton—i. e. not a "ton," but a town of lumber; Purvis, McLaurin, Epps, Brooklyn, Maxie, Bond, Wiggins and McHenry.

Besides these towns and villages, along the North Eastern and the G. & S. I. roads, several rural (saw mill) villages have been visited with like results as above. That is, they have surrendered, or, by evacuation, have given up. Not only this, but several fine sections of real "piney woods" communities have been "invaded" by THE BAPTIST man, with sometimes more and sometimes less—but usually more—certain success, most of whom became willing subjects when they had learned that I was on business for the King. The fact is, that these woods are full of truly noble men and women who love God and are called according to his purpose, who are willing to be "taught the way of the Lord more perfectly," as they are being taught, both by "local talent" and by an occasional "stranger in these parts." Ah! this whole southeast country will, under proper nurture, "blossom as the rose," "some sweet day," and Christ himself, as "the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley," shall reign supreme.

THE BAPTIST—our very own, all-round, up-to-date paper—has been placed in many homes, where it, nor any other Baptist paper went before, and into some homes where no paper ever went, by subscription, before.

The battle cry of your representative has been—and ever shall be—"The sword of the Lord and of Gideon." The Bible first, and then the best helps possible for carrying out the decrees of the King, which seems, first, to be, *just now*, our State paper—THE BAPTIST.

In my next I hope to say some things about the general condition of things in these parts, in "church and State." Before closing I wish to say, and must say, that amongst the good people of the section indicated in this letter are a number of good and devoted "men of God," who minister to the people the Gospel of the grace of God, some of whom are all-round, up-to-date men, and the rest are as deserving, since they are doing the best they can with the lights before them. Some of these are—and I would I could recall the names of all—Bro. Holcomb, of Wiggins; Bro. Lott, of Saucier; Bro. Murray, of Purvis; Bro. Boon, of (near) Purvis; Bro. Burge, of Baxterville; Bro. Daughdrill, of (near) Hillsdale; Bro. Byrd, of Caesar, and Bro. Broadus, of Felix. But I must close this letter by giving the right had of fellowship to my—not my companion in travel, but—partner in travails—not to say trials and tribulations—and testing of the patience of the saints. Bro. Lucas, of the

nother division. May His grace be sufficient for him, and may grace unto him abound yet more and more, for thus may he continue to the end and be saved—from despair.

Fraternally,

J. J. W. MATHIS.

To All the Preachers.

DEAR BRO. PREACHER:

It is time for my annual article on the Christmas Jug. You have perhaps, noticed that I write a little article on this subject in November or December of every year.

It seems to me that there is hardly another species of wickedness which so insults the name of our blessed Savior as does the practice of celebrating His birthday with the jug of the Devil's own beverage.

It is true, we do not know, and perhaps, do not believe, that the 25th of December is the actual anniversary of the birth of Christ. This seems to me, however, to make very little difference. It is called Christmas, and, so the day is named for Him, and the world celebrates it as His birthday. Isn't it something awful to contemplate that many professed Christians celebrate this day by disgracing His name. The first Baptist Church of Baltimore, Md., took the premium for giving the largest amount to missions during the last Conventional year. Pastor Millard said of this church in a speech before the late S. B. Convention in New Orleans, that his church had a membership of about 600, and the amount given to missions was contributed by 295 members. More than half the members of this church gave nothing to missions, albeit they may have contributed liberally to other objects of benevolence.

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Now, I have this request to make to the preachers: I suppose every pastor in the State will preach to every church he serves, at least, once between now and Christmas. Will not every one of you present this matter in this light to each congregation. Either preach a sermon or make a talk on the subject of Christmas and show our people how depraved and wicked or even doubted things. It is a sad comment on our Christian civilization that the few liquor towns in Mississippi do their biggest jug business for the last few days before Christmas. I am told that many saloons sell from 10 to 20 times as much whisky during the week preceding the 25th of December as they sell at other times. Will not the Baptists, and especially the Baptist preachers, lend the whole power of their influence to change this shameful state of affairs? Let us suggest, too, brother preacher that you talk personally with your deacons and leading members and ask them to give their personal influence to this reformation. I am a little ashamed to say so, but it is none the less true, I have known a few Baptist deacons who needed to be remonstrated with as to their personal example in the matter.

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"First Baptist Church" of Jerusalem came to ordain deacons they were instructed to select "men of honest report, full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom." Isn't it lamentable that in this, the twentieth Century, our Savior should look down from heaven upon the world celebrating His birthday and see Baptist deacon full of unholy Spirits. Let Christians everywhere think and pray over this matter and speak and work against this unspeakable evil.

Your brother,
B. G. LOWREY.

The Baltimore and Waco Baptist Churches' Diversified Giving—Cause for Thanksgiving.

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In conclusion—Let us be glad and rejoice that many of God's people do give to one object or to others of Christian benevolence. Let us not vex our souls nor judge others harshly who do not see as we see nor do as we do. Let the following Scripture apply: "One hath faith to eat all things, but he that is weak eateth herbs. Let not him that eateth set at naught him that eateth not, and let not him that eateth not judge him that eateth *** One man esteemeth one day above another, another esteemeth every day alike *** Each one of us shall give an account of himself to God. Let us not therefore judge one another any more."

O. D. BOWEN,
Ellisville, Miss., Nov. 9th, 1901.

Mission Work.

BY S. O. Y. RAY.

The recent visit of President Lowrey to Hattiesburg, and that magnificent collection of \$1,600 for college endowment, gives me great joy and reminds me of the early beginnings of that church and leads me to say some things about the wisdom of your State Board of Missions in occupying important centers of influence, as they present themselves. Bro. Lowrey says, Rev. L. E. Hall did the hard foundation work at Hattiesburg. Such is true only in part. Five years before he became their pastor, I went there as a missionary of the State Board. Not a lick had been struck, save an occasional sermon by some passing brother. No organization, no house of worship, no lot upon which to build, Baptist influence below par, not much disposition to build, and they worshiped in a school house. Then there was much sin, much wickedness. Saloons, gambling hells, murder and in fact, all other grades of sin, incident to new towns. Nothing done, everything to be done. The five years I was there as missionary of your Board, counts for much in the history of that church. A lot was secured, a good house of worship built in which the church worshiped for many years. Our people were collected and organized with a membership of 80 or 90. Four great meetings had been held in which the missionary had been assisted by Rev. J. G. Chastain, our missionary to Mexico, Rev. G. W. Knight, of Waynesboro, Rev. L. E. Hall, of Shubuta and Rev. T. E. H. Robinson of East-

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ows

Seem wreaths of long ago;
Always with a throb of heart-
ache,

That thrills each pulsive vein,
Comes the old, unquiet longing
For the peace at home again.

I am sick of the roar of cities,
And of faces old and strange;
I know where there's warmth
and welcome

And my yearning fancies range
Back to the dear old homestead,
With an aching sense of pain;
But there'll be joy in the coming,
When I go home again.

Outside of my darkened window
Is the great world's crash and
din,

And slowly the autumn shadows
Come drifting, drifting in;
Sobbing the night wind mur-
murs

To the splash of the autumn
rain;

But I dream of the glorious
greeting

When I go home again!

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Getting Married.

"It makes all the difference in the world what a person marries for. I'm so thankful that I didn't make any mistake," said a small, shabbily-dressed, tired-looking woman, who was cane-seating chairs at a house where she had asked for work. Her tongue was as nimble as her fingers, but her views on all topics were so cheery and hopeful, notwithstanding her manifest poverty, that her garrulity did not become tiresome. Her opinions on marriage, coming as they did from a woman to whom marriage had brought poverty and unceasing labor for an invalid husband, were refreshing and had the ring of a true heart.

"Yes," she said, "folks that marries for any other but one thing makes a dreadful mistake. I often think to myself: 'What is I had married for anything in the world but love—real genuine, sure enough love! What a fix I'd be in today!'

"You see, my husband's been an invalid for nine years. He went into slow consumption four years after we were married and he ain't worked six weeks, all told, since; and I've had all the support of him and

our three children for nine years. And I've done it by trailin' round from house to house cane-seatin' chairs, and all the feelin' I've had about it has been one of thankfulness that I was able and willin' to do it.

"S'posin' I hadn't married for love? S'posin' I'd married for riches and they'd taken wings and flew away? S'posin' I'd married for beauty and sickness and mis'ry had robbed my husband of his good looks? Wouldn't I be in a nice fix?

"But I didn't marry for a thing on earth but respect and love for a good man, and I ain't regretted it, and I ain't a bit unhappy or discontented, exceptin' in the sorrow that comes from the certainty I ain't goin' to have my husband with me much longer.

"He's failin' fast now, poor dear! I ain't never looked on him as a burden. I ain't throwed it up to him that I've had the livin' to make. I ain't fretted nor complained nor done any of the things I would have done if I'd made the dreadful mistake of marryin' for anything but real affection.

"Folks that marries for anything else has got a lot of unhappiness before 'em that I don't know anything about."—Ex.

A Statement From the Sunday School Board.

In view of the circulation of certain charges against the officials and administration of the affairs of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Board wishes to make the following statement to the denomination:

The first knowledge concerning the existence of such charges was afforded by a communication, dated August 27, 1901, from Rev. J. J. Porter, D. D., of Mexico, Missouri, to whom they had been given, unsought by him. This communication was in the form of questions, embodying all of the charges, and he desired to be informed if they were facts.

Subsequently, information was given the Board that a circular, bearing neither name nor date, containing substantially the same charges, in a different form, was appearing in certain sections. In addition to this, the board was directly informed that, as early as the month of February, 1901, this purported information was offered for public use to certain competitors in the business of publication of Sunday School literature.

So soon as attention was drawn to these charges, in the communication of Dr. Porter, the board immediately began a close investigation of them, first through its business committee, and then in full and special session; and then, on September 10, informed Dr. Porter of its conviction that no evidence existed to establish the accusations, and insisted that he should meet the board, and, in their presence, be satisfied of this fact.

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this purpose; and, by prior arrangement, the following brethren were also present: Hon. W. J. Northen, President of the Southern Baptist Convention; Rev. M. P. Hunt, and Rev. E. J. Forrester, Vice Presidents of the Sunday School Board for Missouri and South Carolina, respectively; Rev. J. S. Felix, of Kentucky; Rev. J. C. Armstrong, of Missouri; and Rev. W. B. Crumpton, of Alabama. All the members of the board, save one, who was absent from the city, gave the entire day to the investigation of these charges, in the presence of Dr. Porter and the above-named brethren, entering into every specification with thoroughness, and affording, from the books and papers of the board, every facility possible for a complete understanding of the matters involved.

We desire to express our renewed confidence in the brethren composing the Sunday School Board, and its officers, and to commend them and their work most heartily to the denomination.

Signed,

J. J. PORTER,
J. C. ARMSTRONG,
W. J. NORTHEN,
W. B. CRUMPTON,
M. P. HUNT,
E. J. FORRESTER,
J. S. FELIX.

The board bears testimony to the many Christian spirit in which Dr. Porter conducted and even pressed the investigation, being faithful in the use of the information which had been placed in his hands, and equally just and honorable in his recognition of its untrustworthiness as the true facts were brought to light.

Through the ten years of its history, the board has endeavored to administer its affairs with economy and without personal aggrandizement to any one. There has been nothing which it has wished to conceal. Its officials have been found diligent and faithful each in his respective sphere of work, each seeking the interest of the denomination as intrusted to the board. The board com-

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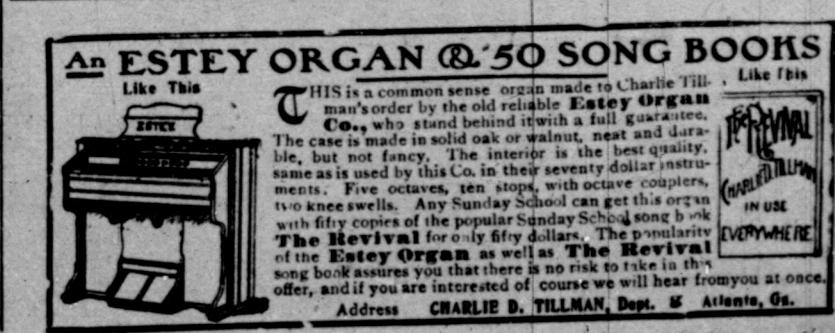
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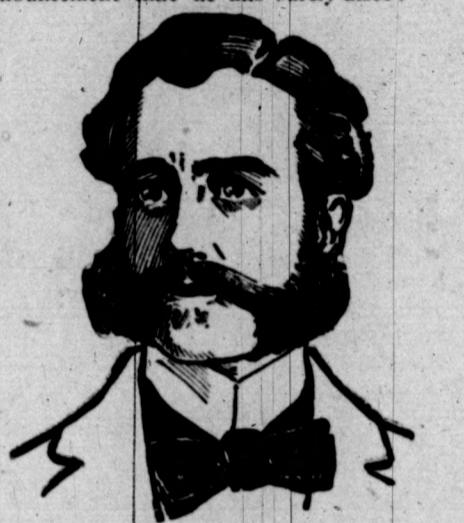
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Deaths.

Mrs. Bettie Hadaway.

Mrs. Bettie Hadaway, wife of Mr. W. A. Hadaway, died in Water Valley, Miss., November 20th, 1901. She was a member of Water Valley Baptist Church, and the many friends at her funeral showed how they appreciated her. Her death was a perfect triumph in Christ. She said to those beside her just before she died, "I see heaven, and Oh how glorious it is." May God comfort the bereaved husband, the two sweet little girls, and other relatives, giving to all the consolation which she had in Christ Jesus.

E. L. WESSON.

Mr. John Royal.

Mr. John Royal, a noble young man, a member of the Water Valley Baptist Church, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Market, in Water Valley, Miss., October 11, 1901, aged 24 years. John was a true friend, a devoted son, and faithful, loving brother. He suffered severely, but became more resigned under his afflictions and died with triumphant faith in Christ. He left father, mother, brother, sister, and a host of friends to mourn his absence. May God comfort the bereaved.

E. L. WESSON.

Tribute.

"Art is long and time is fleeting,
And our hearts though stout and brave
Still like muffled drums are beating
Funeral marches to the grave."

Death is no respecter of persons. The interminable procession moves on. One by one our friends have joined the ranks of those who have crossed the dark river. "Fain would we delay our coming fate, but when the heaven-born gale doth blow we must embark." Our dear friend and sister, Mary Turner, wife of W. L. Turner, has been called to join the innumerable throng, which moves to that mysterious realm "from whose bourn no traveler returns." Yet it is our sweet privilege to know that she was one of those who so lived that, when the summons came "she wrapped the drapery of her couch around her and laid down to pleasant dreams."

There is no death! although we grieve

When beautiful, familiar forms

That we have learned to love are torn

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tion, and though dead she yet lives and speaks by her pure and upright life. Though plucked from this earthly garden, when in the glorious beauty of full-blown womanhood, to be added to the great bouquet of choice flowers in God's right hand, the fragrance of her beautiful life still lingers to cheer and sustain us in our sorrow. We tender to the bereaved family, parents, sisters, husband and children our sincere sympathy and our earnest prayers in this great affliction.

"Say not good-night, sweet Mary, but in some fairer clime bid us good morning."

Ordered by an act of the conference of Mars Hill Church, October 19th, 1901.

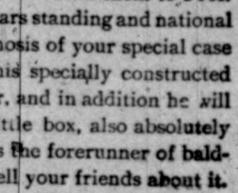
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WOMAN'S WORK.

Woman's Central Committee;
Mrs. E. G. Hackett, President,
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Secretary, Meridian.

Christmas Message.

ANNIE W. ARMSTRONG.

The last message of the year 1901—what shall it be? Angels sounded its key note when

centuries go, the shepherds were told: "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

The Christian world is now preparing to celebrate as our most joyous holiday, this great event, the central point in its history. Gladness and expectancy fill the air. Little ones talk in whispers over their plains and hopes. Parents are considering what gifts will be most appreciated by the children. Friends are on the alert for suggestions as to offerings to those they love. None are so poor but that they would give something to make the Christmas-tide brighter for somebody near and dear. Homes that are colorless if not really dark during the year are happier at this season. It is a time of giving and receiving. Yet, how strange that while year after year, earthly friend are kindly remembered. He, who made the day what it is, whose coming has brought peace and joy to our hearts, is forgotten in many homes, is slightly remembered in others, receiving in but few the first and best gift!

The Christmas to which we are looking forward, being the first of a New Century, is a most appropriate time for reflections upon Christmas giving. From personal experience, we know that the happiness of the family circle, the joy of children, the pleasure of friends is not dependent upon the amount expended, but upon the loving thought. We also know that the glad message to which the shepherds listened was intended for "all people"—all nations, all classes, throughout all ages. Yet, while we take up the glad strain:

True, many have returned evil for good. They have insulted us through ill-treatment of Missionaries and converts, but they are blinded by sin and the compassionate, loving heart of our Savior yearns for them. How great is their need of kindness, mercy, forgiveness! In remembrance of the "Inasmuch" of Him whose birth will soon be celebrated, the officers of Woman's Missionary Union now emphasize the appeal of the Foreign Mission Board for a Christmas offering for China. Nor is this all, but it is hoped that each woman and child in our Baptist South-land will

"Glory to God in the highest. Peace on earth, good will toward men." in the dark land of heathenism, there are millions who have not heard that "unto you is born a Savior." Why then should we hesitate to be true to ourselves and to those whom we influence,

true to our God-given part in the wondrous plan of redemption, by placing the claims of Him whose birth we celebrate, far above all others? What though we cannot see Him at Christmas-tide! What though His voice is no longer heard by mortal ear! Love makes His presence felt, and causes His words to echo and re-echo in the hearts of those who would serve Him.

In the picture and prophecy of the great judgment, did He not say, "Inasmuch as ye have done unto one of the least of these, ye have done it unto Me."

Of the poor, thus classed as His representatives, surely none so needy as those without the bread of heaven, without the water of life, bound in the prison house of sin, sick and lonely in spirit, without hope and without God."

In behalf of such as these in China, the Foreign Board in its recommendations to Woman's Missionary Union for this makes special appeal. S. B. C. Missionaries who have returned to this field, bear most encouraging testimony to the joy with which the glad tidings are being received.

Mrs. T. C. Britton, in a recent letter to the Corresponding Secretary W. M. U., writes: The work has been carried on constantly and with as much interest as before the Boxer troubles. The people are friendly and we have been made glad because of

several additions.

Another writes glowingly of the happiness which shone in the faces of the native Christians who welcomed her, and wishes the sisters at home could meet these who have endured reviling, persecution and stood firm, not one recanting."

It was plain to me that we had gone beyond all reason in our carelessness in this matter, and I made the rounds of our society in social visits, and introduced that topic of conversation with every member in person. At the next meeting our members were as sedate as the United States Supreme Bench.

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"order of business," and observe parliamentary rules strictly.

In the past years, many have had a part in the Christmas Offering, but how many, in planning for their Christmas giving have obeyed the command: "Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness"? Why not begin now to practice true giving? Not that which is confined to those of our household and circle of friends, nor which is influenced by artificial or conventional motive, but the giving, which prompted by great gladness because unto us a Savior is born, will embrace "the least of these" who have no part in our Christmas joy. The giving, which shall be an evidence to ourselves, our friends, our God that we do indeed regard Jesus of Nazareth as "the unspeakable Gift," the one to whom at Christmas-tide our heart's best love and best offerings shall be given.

A More Excellent Way.

We have gotten along in the Ladies' Aid Society of our church so well under our new order of discipline that I feel it may help others if I write upon that "Solution of Church Problems."

Our Society used to be an informal gathering, sometimes never "called to order," and everything was attended to in the greatest confusion.

Names were sometimes repeated in the roll call two or three times, before an answer was given, and the business of the society was transacted with the greatest difficulty, for the lack of system and good order.

It may be a hard work to "teach an old horse new tricks," but that is child's play to breaking in a disorderly Ladies' Church Society to anything like business routine, and parliamentary rules. But I can testify that it can be done.

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"order of business," and observe parliamentary rules strictly.

After a modest confession on the part of several that they knew no more about parliamentary rules than they did about Chinese music, we agreed to study up a little along that line, and practice in our meetings what we read.

I am sure that the old way would seem as ridiculous to our members now, as it did to our husbands formerly when they happened to drop into our meetings unexpectedly to us. We take more interest in our society, and accomplish so much more, and enjoy it very much better.

We speak of the "barn yard cackling days now with merriment, and wonder why we followed that way so long. Perhaps other societies never got into that way of holding their meetings. If any have, however, they will not regret thereforation when it is accomplished.

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TEMPERANCE.

BY W. H. PATTON.

State Prohibition.

The State has an undoubtedly right to prohibit the use of alcoholic beverages, directly; otherwise many other prohibitions are wrong.

The State has the right to use the language of the decalogue, "Thou shalt not" with reference to murder, and to theft as well as murder, and to gambling as well as to theft, and to prize-fighting as well as to gambling, and to licentiousness as well as to prize-fighting, and to the use of certain drugs; and so with reference to any other matter which is not injurious to the citizen solely, yet incapacitates him for citizenship, and increases the general burdens of society. But the use of drink is less salutary in its influence than any other act or thing ever placed upon any statute-book.

The gist of the question here is solely one of practicability. There is a better way than to prohibit the use—to prohibit the sale.

If, then, the State concludes that the use is dangerous to itself, it has the right to prohibit the sale, because the sale affords the opportunity for the use, and vastly multiplies it.

There has been a steady growth of intelligent sentiment in favor of total abstinence, and prohibition of the legalized liquor traffic.

Agitation has enlightened the masses, opinion has deepened into conviction that a Christian cannot in any way aid or abet the business now so universally condemned without being untrue to God and disloyal to the best interests of the State and Nation. We, as a denomination, claiming as churches to be composed of baptized believers, cannot cease our antagonism to the greatest evil of the age.

With the ignorant and depraved of this State disgraced, and nearly the entire

State under prohibition, we should now ask our Christian Governor to recommend the Legislature to give statutory prohibition for the entire State at the short session.

It is with pride that we welcome Monroe to the ranks of the dry counties.

Madison county is dominated by the saloon two years longer

through the influence of the liquor trust in the shape of bribes and the vitiated consciences of the professed Christians of Canton. We believe that a minister or church mem-

ber, who, by his indifference, his sage to the Legislature.

Resolved, That a copy of the report and memorial be sent to the Legislature, (the sin each member of the Legislature, against God,) the liquor traffic, Senate, and to Gov. A. H. Long, thereby becomes partaker of gino, other men's sins and is guilty before God. We again urge a better enforcement of the law we have on the statute book. When we tolerate immoralities which we could break up, we virtually become responsible for them.

We extend thanks to the United States Congress for abolishing the infamous canteen system. We recommend that the following protest be reaffirmed:

1. Against that policy of our national government known as the "Federal tax of intoxicating liquors," whereby this government and every citizen possessed of the right of suffrage, as an integral part of the government, is made a partner in the liquor business.

2. Against the policy of our national government in the issuance of Federal privilege tax to dealers in prohibited districts, thereby encouraging crime and the violation of the State laws.

3. That the sense of this Association is, if a church member visit a saloon, sign whiskey petitions go on bonds of whiskey sellers, vote for the sale or in any way countenance or encourage the traffic of intoxicating liquors, it is conduct unworthy of a Christian and should be brought under church discipline.

4. That we will withdraw from any church and refuse to receive any church failing or refusing to enforce discipline as set forth in the foregoing resolutions.

MEMORIAL TO THE LEGISLATURE.

The Chickasahay Baptist Association composed of thirty odd churches and representing nearly three thousand citizens in East Mississippi, embraced in the section

reaching from Meridian to State Line on the Mobile and Ohio, and to Vicksburg on the N. O. and N. E. Railroads, most respectfully petition your honorable body for Statutory or Constitutional prohibition; to enact a State law prohibiting the traffic while homes are being desolated, and the State's citizens demoralized, and its burdens increased, and its fundamental principles undermined? The responsibility is on you.

The Ram's Horn has a cartoon of a big, burly, white-apron saloon-keeper with a glass of whisky in his right hand, his left arm around a man with a mask on his face branded "crime," and under the cartoon "Comrades." On the reverse side the following editorial:

"COMRADES."

"The objection which good people have to the saloon is not only because it dispenses a hurtful beverage, but because it has become a social institution that harbors almost every evil with that a minister or church mem-

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MEMORIAL TO CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

The Chickasahay Baptist Association representing a constituency of three thousand (3,000) citizens in East Mississippi most respectfully petition your honorable body not to repeal the law enacted by the last Congress abolishing the army canteen.

Unanimously adopted at the last session held at Buckatunna September 21-23, and a copy ordered sent to each of our Congressmen and United States Senators.

J. A. HACKETT,
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Notice, Trappers.

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PERSONAL.

Miss Stone is still in the hands of the bandits.

Valence St. Church, New Orleans, is still without a pastor.

Alabama has 200 women's societies. How many has Mississippi?

Texas Baptists gave this year \$52,000 for State Missions, and Virginia gave \$15,000.

Dr. Len G. Broughton is announced to go on the lecture platform—and won't he make things hum though?

Col. T. C. Dockery of Love's Station, was a pleasant caller at our office last week. Come oftener, brethren.

Prof. Dargan of Southern Bap-Theological Seminary, is announced for a course of lectures before the Crozer Seminary, on the "History of Preaching."

Rev. J. W. Gillon, another Mississippi boy in Texas, becomes pastor at Broadway, Fort Worth. What could Texas do without Mississippi to draw on anyhow?

King Edward's life has been insured for \$2,500,000 until after the coronation; and, if he waits to be crowned until the war in South Africa is over, it may run a long time.

It was announced in the Alabama Convention that Rev. P. W. McGaha was dying, and \$1,000 was quickly raised with which to buy his wife and children a home.

In the Broadway church, Louisville, Pastor Carter Helm Jones preached last Sunday morning on "The Claims of an Orphan" and took collection of \$1,200.00 for their Orphanage.

Dr. J. L. Johnson, of Hillman College, called at "THE BAPTIST" office a few days ago, and stated that the college was full to her utmost capacity so far as boarders at the college dormitory are concerned.

Richard Croker, the "uister be" famous, Tammany leader of New York, has recently denounced all ministers, who used his name for discussion in the pulpit, as liars. This would hit pretty hard, if it were not for the fact that "Richard" has proven himself one of the "LIAR" class, so it would be best to stop and consider the source.

There was not a single negative vote cast during the whole sitting of the Texas Convention—everything was voted unanimously affirmatively. It was not ever thus over three though, before.

Pastor Yarborough, of the First Church, is off in a meeting at Poplarville this week. He preached on last Sunday a most excellent sermon on Christ the Foundation, to a large audience and received three accessions to the church.

We give an extract from the report of the Alabama State Mission Board: "Men employed by our Board, 52, churches constituted, 3, number baptized, 315, received by letter, 404, Sunday Schools organized, 33."

It is said that a dude with a high-up collar was thrown from his bicycle up in Illinois, and the collar cut a gash six stitches long in his throat. But these collars have to be worn, although they decapitate a dude or two occasionally.

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Thanksgiving day may be set down as best of the holidays—it has much of home and home-coming about it. And how many Christmas "puzzles" are solved! The chance remark makes it clear as noon-day to you just what the loved ones would most appreciate. With the turkey and pumpkin pie and other good things, will you accept this good-will wish of The Rookery: "Now good digestion wait on appetite, and health on both."

In a rival contest between the Sunday Schools of the Second Baptist Church in Jackson and the Orphanage for the pupil that would prepare the best biographical sketch of Joseph, the prize, "From Error's Chains," was awarded to Mary Taylor, of the Second Church, although the Orphanage sent up five papers that were very excellent indeed.

Gov. Odell, of New York, has refused to honor a requisition made on him by the governor of Ohio, very much on the same grounds that Governor Durbin of Indiana, gave for holding Taylor, when wanted by the Kentucky authorities.

Wm. Jennings Bryan deems this "Anarchy." Perhaps the governor does not see it this way or he would not hold on, as the Aharchist don't fare well in New York.

Rev. J. T. Graham, pastor at Hollandale, in the Delta, spent last week in our city by the bedside of a sick brother. While here he conducted the prayer meeting for pastor Yarborough to the edification of all present, and honored the rooms of THE BAPTIST with his presence. He is held in very high esteem by his people. His brother made a manful fight for life, but the dread malady of typhoid fever was too much for him and he succumbed to death on the morning of the 25th inst., pastor Graham remaining with him to the last.

Bro. J. A. Scarborough, of Boguechitto, dropped in to see us Tuesday and furnished us with a few side splitters. Bro. S. was appointed by the Fair River Association to visit the Governor and urge upon him to recommend to the next Legislature the passing of a State prohibition law. Bro. Scarborough is not only curing cancers along the G. & S. I. R. R., but in connection with his glorious work he is doing a much needed mission work wherever he goes. We know of his cancer work and can safely recommend him to any one who has cancer trouble. For twenty-six years he has been a fine success as a country pastor but after the close of the present year he will give himself wholly to mission work and curing cancers, by which means he will make his own living.

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